

PETERSBURG NOW CENTRE OF FIGHT

Anti-Liquor Forces Girding Up Their Loins for Attack on That City.

ACTION CREATES SURPRISE

Petitions for Election Are Being Circulated and Freely Signed.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, Petersburg, Va., January 22.—The local option fight to decide the question of license or no license to sell liquor in Petersburg was started here in good earnest to-day. It came as a surprise to the people generally. At a meeting of the ministers of the city, held several days ago, at which fourteen pastors, representing the different denominations, were present, it was unanimously decided to life up on the question of prohibition, and authority was given for the selection of a committee to canvass the city for signatures to a petition to be presented to Judge Muller of the Corporation Court, asking that he order an election for the people to decide whether or not the sale of liquor shall be prohibited in Petersburg. Petitions in proper form were furnished by the Rev. Dr. J. D. McAllister, of the State Anti-Saloon League, and to-day seven of these petitions were carried about the city by as many different gentlemen. There was no difficulty in securing signatures, as the temperance sentiment is strong in Petersburg. The number of votes cast here in the election of last November was 1,167, and only one-fourth of these, or 292, is required to make the petition legal. It is expected that the petition will be presented to Judge Muller without delay, as it seems to be the desire of the anti-saloon people to have an election ordered for the earliest possible date.

Long Considered.
The question of the sale of liquor in Petersburg has long been under consideration by the anti-saloon advocates, but the matter has been kept so quiet that the public gained the impression that a local option election was a thing of the future. The restrictions on the sale of liquor here are very strict, and no fault has been shown with the conduct of the saloons. There are many good temperance people in the community who on the one hand favor regulation of the saloons in preference to prohibition, and on the other hand oppose local prohibition as long as Richmond continues "wet." The anti-saloonists, however, express confidence of carrying the day and of putting the saloons out of business. While there is no authority for saying so, it is believed that Judge Muller will set a day early in June for the local option election.

Following quickly the developments of to-day, it is announced that Sunday will be a field day for the Anti-Saloon League in the city churches of Petersburg. Among those churches to represent the league in the churches are the Rev. Dr. J. D. McAllister, the Rev. E. J. Richardson, the Rev. O. Rydell and others.

There will be a quick alignment of the forces favoring and opposing prohibition, and the fight is going to be an interesting one from beginning to end. It may be stated that, in view of the probability of a local option election, a great many people have qualified themselves just fall by paying poll taxes and registering, to enable them to vote in such election.

YOUNG PEOPLE ELOPE

Cupid Wins, Despite Objections of Their Parents.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RADFORD, Va., January 22.—Miss Julia Carden, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carden, eloped to Bristol and was married to her cousin, Mr. Crockett Newton Carden, Saturday night, returning to her home in East Radford the following day to seek parental forgiveness. The young people had grown up together, but it was not known that they were sweethearts. The parents, however, when they learned would never give their consent to account of the close relationship, the fact in their own hands by eloping to Bristol. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Carico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carden will reside in East Radford. Mr. Carden is in the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company.

Insurance Companies Lose

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BIG STONE GAP, Va., January 22.—In the cases of J. B. Sherman against the Phoenix Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., and the Phoenix Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., which occupied the attention of the Wisconsin Circuit Court last week, Judge Skeen has overruled the demurrer to the evidence by the defendant and rendered judgment in favor of Sherman for \$100,000, the face value of policies in those companies carried by Sherman on a stock of merchandise which was destroyed by a fire at a suburb, a little more than a mile ago. The insurance companies alleged that Sherman had not complied with the contract, in that he had not kept a set of books, as required by the policy, and was not, therefore, entitled to recover. The insurance companies will take the case to the Court of Appeals.

Ordered to Washington

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., January 22.—Lieutenant M. S. Lee, of the United States Marine Corps, who will be stationed in Cuba for the past two years, has been ordered to the marine barracks at Washington, D. C. Lieutenant Lee is a son of Captain Dan H. Lee, of Stafford county, near this city, and is a nephew of the late General Fitzhugh Lee.

Taken to Hospital

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
EXMORR, Va., January 22.—Reilly Colonna, nineteen years of age, a carpenter in the employ of his father, A. C. Colonna, of this place, was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, this morning for an operation.

All Run Down? Pale? Nervous?

All run down, easily tired, thin, pale, nervous? And do not know what to take? Then go direct to your doctor. Ask his opinion of Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla. No alcohol, no stimulation, a blood purifier, a nerve tonic, a strong alternative, an aid to digestion. Let your doctor decide.

CHILD'S DREADEFUL SKIN TROUBLES

Had Sixty Boils when but Six Months Old—Was Annually Attacked by a Humor—It Looked Red Like a Scald and Spread Over Half Her Head—Both Troubles are Cured.

NO PRAISE TOO HIGH FOR THE CUTICURA REMEDIES

"When my little Vivian was about six months old, her papa had a boil on his forehead. At that time the child was covered with prickly heat and I suppose in scratching it, her own head broke out in boils, one after another. She had about sixty boils on all parts of her body, and the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment which cured her of them entirely. Then, sometime later, her little feet got sore between the toes. Being afraid it was salt rheum, I spoke to our doctor. He gave me a powder which dried it up, but soon after it broke out behind her ears. They cracked half way around and the humor spread up on to her head until, on several occasions, it was nearly half covered. The humor looked like a scald, very red with a sticky, clear fluid coming from it. This occurred every winter. I think it was toward the spring, I always bathed it with warm water and Cuticura Soap and applied Cuticura Ointment which never failed to heal it up. The last time it broke out was when she was six years old. It became so bad that I was discouraged. Then I procured a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent which soon cleared it out of her blood. I continued the use of Cuticura Soap and Ointment with the Resolvent until she was perfectly well. She is now about eight years old and has never been troubled in the last two years. We also find Cuticura Resolvent a good spring medicine and we are just giving the children Cuticura Resolvent Pills as a tonic. We do not think any one can praise Cuticura Remedies too highly. Mrs. M. A. Schwerin, 674 Spring Wells Ave., Detroit, Mich., Feb. 24, 1908.

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Form of Infants, Children and Adults. Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment (60c) to heal the Skin and Cuticura Resolvent (60c), for the Form of Chocolate and Pink Skin, Get out of the Blood. Sold throughout the world. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., New York, Boston, San Francisco, Cal.

Small Price, Cuticura Book on Skin Diseases.

TRYING TO FORCE AN ADJOURNMENT

Minority Leader Will Introduce Joint Resolution With That Purpose.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., January 22.—The minority leader of the House, Mr. Harshaw, to-day served notice that he would offer to-morrow a joint resolution for the adjournment of the General Assembly on February 29th, and would ask that his resolution take its place upon the calendar for immediate action, to see if the members could not make their arrangements to go home before the sixty days were out.

The joint resolution to pay the expenses of the inaugural committee, little over \$1,000, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations on suggestion of Chairman Dowd, of the Committee on Rules, after a little discussion and a vote on division of 18 to 22.

The mileage book matter was broached in the Senate by the introduction of a bill by Senator Barringer that would eliminate the necessity of exchanging mileage for tickets, making the mileage good on the trains.

Senator Ormond proposes to put the solicitors' salaries at \$2,500. Mr. Ormond's bill making the salary \$2,500 was made a special order for next Tuesday in the House. It comes from committee without prejudice.

New Bills

Among the new bills introduced in the House were two by Mr. Poole, of Montgomery, amending the inheritance tax law so as to exempt lineal issue, and amending the seduction law so that there could be prosecution and punishment in case of desertion within five years in case of marriage of the parties.

A bill by Mr. Underwood, of Cumberland, provides for three days of grace on sight drafts. Bills by Representative Conner, affecting banks, provide that, in case of forged or altered checks the depositor must notify the bank within three months after receipt of the cancelled check in order to get the benefit of the bank's liability, and for the prevention of runs on banks by punishment for derogatory statements concerning a bank.

All partnership firms must file in the office of the clerk of the court a list of the names of the actual persons composing the partnership, if a bill by Representative Weaver, of Buncombe, becomes law.

"A LITTLE INVESTIGATING"

Result May Be Embarrassing for Norfolk County Tax-Payers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., January 22.—Following an investigation today in which a number of tax-payers were called to testify, the Norfolk county grand jury found a number of tax returns ridiculous and ordered personal assessments in a number of instances. The total increased percentage assessed on the county was raised \$105,718.

The jury concluded this work to-day after examining tax-payers who had been summoned to show why their personal tax assessments were so low and why they should not be increased in accordance with the general understanding as to the value of the same. Commonwealth's Attorney William H. Stewart, of Portsmouth, when informed through a member of the county grand jury of what was being done along the line of increasing county assessments, said: "There are hundreds of people in Portsmouth who pay personal taxes at all, when they should pay. I think I shall ask the city grand jury to do a little investigating."

Crosses Confirmed

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FRONT ROYAL, Va., January 22.—The anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee was generally observed here. Crosses were conferred upon the following veterans: Jesse T. Brown, John T. Brown, George Derfinkler, Thomas J. Harber, J. B. Little, Ed. B. Watson, Fred Keeler, G. N. Petty, J. K. Putnam, John Saunders, William T. Wharton,

News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 105 North Steamers Street, Petersburg, Va., January 22.

The annual banquet of the Holston Bible Class of West End Baptist Church Sunday school was held last night in their class room. Of the 100 members of the class, about eighty were present, and the evening was pleasantly and profitably passed. Mr. W. M. Tucker, teacher of the class, presided and acted as toastmaster. The speakers were Rev. J. R. Doan, of Henderson, N. C., a former pastor of West End Church, and one of the organizers of the class, who gave an interesting sketch of its history, and the Rev. A. R. Love, the present pastor, who spoke on the future of the class. Music was furnished by the class orchestra. An interesting feature of the banquet was the presence of the lady teachers of the Sunday school, who graciously waited on the tables and served the menu.

Personal and Otherwise

Mayor Jones is in receipt of a letter from the committee of arrangements of the National Tariff Commission convention, to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., February 16th to 18th, cordially inviting him to attend the convention, and requesting him to appoint delegates from Petersburg.

The Ladies' Memorial Association has received a letter from friends in South Carolina stating that steps are

News of Manchester

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

Apparently without fear of contradiction and with evident disregard of consequences Mrs. Annie Riley Hale, author of "Rooseveltian Fact and Fable," the book which has caused so much comment throughout the United States since its publication, last night, in her lecture at the Leader Theatre, in this city, pitched into the Chief Executive with gloves off.

Mrs. Hale spared no adjectives in her harangue on the President, which she said was inspired through no motive of malice, but purely through a sense of duty. What Mrs. Hale said in her lecture can hardly be repeated here. She placed the President in that now famous order of his own creation, "the Ananias Club," and said he is not notoriously short of memory. "When Congress, under measure by the people," said Mrs. Hale, "was compelled to eliminate the pass-giving habit, and impeached members of Congress, Federal judges and the President were cut off from their free travel, the body disapproved of the measure, and the President passed a bill appropriating \$25,000 for the traveling expenses of this presidential circuit rider."

She went on to say the President is not sincere, and that, notwithstanding the fact he had repeatedly said he would not stand for third term, he sent a messenger to Chicago at the time of the Republican National Convention, saying he would accept the nomination if offered to him. "He played Taft too strong," said Mrs. Hale, "and the measure did not get to the city by the lake until too late. Roosevelt does not like Taft, and is waiting for his chance." At the conclusion of her lecture a reporter asked if she had met the President since the publication of her book. "No," she said, "but I met him several times before, and I do not think much of him as a good man."

In reply to a query as to whether the President had ever made any comment on her criticism, Mrs. Hale replied: "No, never, but I know that he has read the book, and I think he has too much sense to reply."

Chapman Meetings to Close.
Before the services of the Methodist Church had commenced last night both the auditorium and the lecture room were filled and many were turned away. With the exception of the Sunday services and the prayer-meeting to-night it was the last meeting of the Chapman series in this city, and the interest shown was especially gratifying to those in charge. Rev. Dr. Berryman opened the service with prayer, after which the Rev. J. H. Taylor read a chapter from the Bible. Dr. Granstaff then delivered his lecture, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," before the sermon, and at the conclusion of the service a prayer-meeting was held, presided over by Dr. Granstaff at Asbury Church to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

McCarthy Dead.
Consuelo McCarthy, daughter of D. B. McCarthy, died at early hour yesterday morning at the home at No. 1115 Semmes Street. She was thirteen years old, and had only been sick a short while. The girl's mother noticed her serious condition at 12 o'clock, and before medical attention could be summoned she was dead. The funeral will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock. Following is the list of pallbearers: B. D. Taylor, Charles Taylor, Charles Stewart, Andrew Pugh, Otis Hinton and Kenneth Baber.

At a joint meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners and the Water Committee of the City Council, held last night, the

Remarkable Christmas Present.

Among the curious Christmas presents of this year will be one for a man of national reputation, which has been in all years in the making.

Way last January the present was decided upon, and a friend of the prominent gentleman requested the Burrelle Press Clipping Bureau, of New York, to watch every paper in America and to take up every item which appeared concerning the man.

The clipping bureau people followed instructions, and now present the history of one year in the life of this special man.

The history ends just after election, and the 29,442 newspapers, items found include everything from a three-line editorial mention to full-page illustrated stories. These have been mounted on 300 great sheets of Irish linen paper and bound into three massive volumes.

At the head of each item is the name and date of paper clipped from, this information having been put in with a book typewriter. The words thus inserted amount to 153,552.

In actual time, a very strict record of which has been kept, the work has required sixty-four working days throughout the year, and has kept in employment during that time thirty people, as well as a number of clerks, counters and binders. Great newspaper of importance is represented.

This is merely a specimen of some of the unique orders which get into the Burrelle Bureau, for the extent to which clippings are used by individuals and by business concerns seems to be remarkable.

There are many people in private as well as in public life who need press clippings and don't know it. It might be for them to look up this man, Burrelle, who is at the Burrelle Press Clipping Bureau, 111 Broadway, New York, who is known to a letter simply addressed "Burrelle, New York," will reach him with no delay.

being taken to have that State's memorial window to its Confederate dead in the Blenheim Cemetery erected in Old Blanford Church.

Virginia, Missouri, Georgia and Louisiana have already erected their memorial windows in the church, and Maryland has paid its tribute. There is space preserved for a window of such of the Confederate States whose dead heroes sleep in the beautiful cemetery surrounding the church.

The Petersburg peanut market is firm at 95 cents per bushel for Spanish nuts, and 3 to 3 1/2 cents per pound for Virginia, with large sales of local stock during the week at these prices. There have been large sales also of cotton this week at 9 1/2 to 9 3/4 cents for the best grades.

The coroner's jury in Prince George county, sitting yesterday afternoon at the inquest on the body of Moses Wynne, colored, rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death from the effects of a stab wound inflicted on Saturday night in this city by a negro named Thomas Smith. Smith has not yet been arrested, but he stands charged with murder.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company is vastly improving its track facilities here. Between the bridge of the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Line and the freight depot the company has laid seven new tracks for freight and shifting purposes. This will lead to the abandonment of the freight tracks in the vicinity of the passenger station.

The case of W. W. Hawthorn, charged with assaulting a man with a bad hat and breaking his arm, will be heard in the Corporation Court this morning.

Bishop Randolph will deliver the sermon made Memorial Church to-morrow morning, after which will follow the rite of confirmation to a large class.

Mr. A. J. White, who has been very sick for the past few days, is very much improved.

Mr. Ernest H. Wells has returned from a business trip to Union, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. George Paul have returned from a trip to the University of Virginia, where they were called by the death of their son, George. Young Paul is much better and will soon be able to resume his studies.

Mrs. W. P. Vaughn, who has been very sick in her home on the Petersburg Turnpike, is rapidly improving.

The annual meeting of the Chesterfield Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held this afternoon, in the home of Mrs. J. M. Gregory. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

Dr. Granstaff has "O. R. Pugh" conducted a special service yesterday at noon at the Southern Railway Shops. A large number of the mechanics and workmen attended.

Dr. Granstaff will conduct a special meeting for children at Decatur Street M. E. Church to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. He will preach at the same church at 11 o'clock.

HOPELESS DEFEAT

Complete Returns on Bond Issue for Hearles Roads Are Not Yet Counted.

Complete returns as to the vote on the \$300,000 bond issue for the improvement of roads in the county had not been received yesterday evening, and those that had come in were still under seal. Full returns will be received to-day, and the vote will be counted to-day or on Monday.

The measure met with hopeless defeat, and the counting of the votes cast in favor of the bond issue, in the form, so far as the result is concerned, was a very slight poll was cast.

A very slight poll was cast, the voters showing unusual apathy in turnout. Dr. Granstaff said: "No, this apparent indifference was due mostly to the lack of information imparted about the subject. Those in favor of the measure were not able to get their message across."

Those, however, arraigned on the other side were exceedingly active, as the results show.

DEATH FOLLOWS INJURY

Edward Wilkinson, of 622 Holly Street, Hurt at Street Car Accident, Dies Last Night.

Edward Wilkinson, 622 Holly Street, died suddenly last night after an illness extending from Monday night, when he was injured in a car accident following injury received in an accident at 622 Holly Street.

Wilkinson was a laborer, and his wife had employment. She was forced to spend most of her time away from home, and she was unable to attend him, but they arrived too late. Coroner Taylor will hold an inquest over the body this morning.

The Wilkinson family have been in the city about two years.

DR. CARPENTER ELECTED

Virginia Chemists' Club Decides to Merge With American Society.

At the annual meeting of the Virginia Chemists' Club, held last night, the officers were elected: President, Dr. F. B. Carpenter; Vice-President, Dr. C. M. Bradbury; Secretary, H. L. Taylor; Editor, Dr. E. C. Levy; and H. C. Lewis, Editor of the "Virginia Chemist."

The club adopted a resolution that the Virginia Chemists' Club be merged into the American Chemical Society, and the American Chemical Society for admission.

Another resolution was adopted directing the secretary to make application for the incorporation of the Virginia section of the American Chemical Society.

STATE-WIDE CONTRIBUTIONS

TO ITALIAN SUPERBES REPORTED

A list of \$2,000 has been reported to Governor Swanson by the five men recently named to receive State-wide contributions for the benefit of the Italian earthquake sufferers.

The amounts reported to the Governor yesterday were returned as follows: By John E. Branch, \$750; by William H. Carter, \$500; by Taylor H. Elyson, \$500; by J. B. Purcell, \$500; and by C. N. Boyd, \$750. This money will be forwarded at once to the Red Cross Society for distribution to the sufferers.

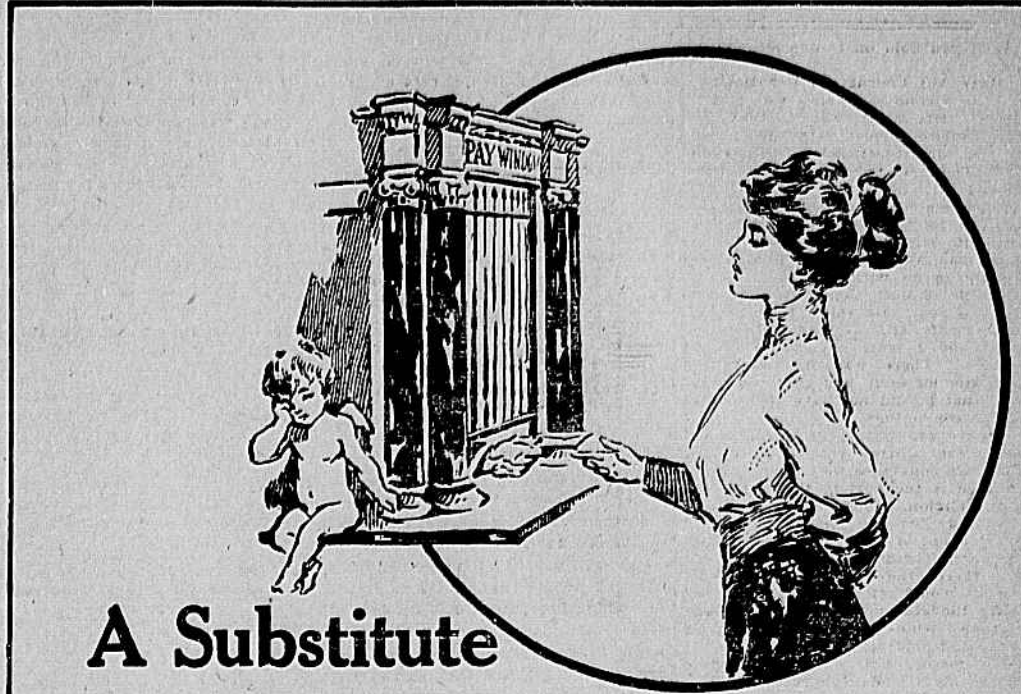
GOVERNOR SWANSON SPEAKS

AT BANQUET IN DANVILLE

Governor Swanson left yesterday morning for Danville, where last night he was the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the Business Men's Association. The Governor will return to Richmond this morning, and will be in his office as usual.

Coffee Coming from Brazil

Six hundred bags of coffee from growers in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, and consigned to Richmond merchant, will arrive here during the next few days. Collector of Customs Stewart says this is the first shipment of the product received here since he has been in the city. It is a very fine quality of coffee, practically all grown in the State of coffee throughout the South. Most of the coffee is being sold in New York and will be sold in Richmond.



A Substitute for Matrimony

is really what a girl hopes to get out of business. Does she get it? If not, why doesn't she marry? One store reports three marriages a year out of three thousand girls. Is it because most men can't afford to marry a business woman? Is it because she makes so much and her men friends make so little? What is the matter with the young man of to-day? These questions and many others are answered by a business woman in the February WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION—

The Great Valentine Number

The rest of the magazine is filled to the covers with good stories, eight of them, charming pictures, strong helpful articles, and forty pages of practical departments for women—all and more in the February

WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION

At All News-stands

Sunday Services in City Churches

Centenary Methodist Church: Rev. J. N. Latham, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. on "God's Wondrous Love."

Seventh Day Adventist Church: Elder House will preach at 8 P. M. on "Signs in the Religious World."

Grace Street Presbyterian Church: Rev. Jere Witherspoon, D. D., pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. By request his subject will be "Offended in Me."

Grove Avenue Baptist Church: Rev. W. C. James, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M.

First Presbyterian Church: Rev. F. T. McFadden, D. D., pastor, will preach at 11 A. M.

Broad Street Methodist Church: Rev. Glynn C. Kelly, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. All persons who contemplate uniting with this church are requested to be present at the morning service.

Pine Street Baptist Church: Rev. J. B. Hutton will preach at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. "Decision Day" service in the Sunday school at 10 A. M.

Second Baptist Church: Rev. W. R. L. Smith, D. D., pastor, will preach at 11 A. M.

Grace Street Baptist Church: Rev. David M. Ramsay, D. D., pastor, will preach at 11 A. M.

Calvary Baptist Church: Rev. Ryland Knight, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M.

First Unitarian Church: Rev. John T. Robinson, minister, will preach at 11 A. M. on "The Faith of honest Doubt."

Epworth Methodist Church: Rev. Otis M. Clark, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. on "In His Service."

Randolph Street Baptist Church: Rev. W. E. Robertson, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M.

First Church of Christ, Scientist: Service at 11 A. M.; subject, "Truth."

Immanuel Baptist Church: Rev. B. F. Bryan, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. on Recognition of Friends in Heaven." Rev. D. G. Wilson and the pastor will speak at the "Decision Day" service at 9:30 A. M. in the Sunday school.

Park Place Methodist Church: Rev. M. S. Colonna, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M.

Marshall Street Christian Church: Rev. B. H. Melton will preach at 11 A. M.

Allen Avenue Christian Church: Rev. Henry P. Atkins, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. Baptismal service at 5 P. M.

First English Lutheran Church: Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Seventh Street Christian Church: Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. on "The Heavenly Guest."

First Baptist Church: Rev. G. W. McDaniel, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. Young people's meeting at 8 P. M. At 8 P. M. Rev. Ora S. Gray will preach.

Salvation Army Service. With the hall filled to its limit, Mr. and Mrs. Asher last night conducted the meeting at the Salvation Army. This was one of the best meetings ever conducted here, and resulted in the conversion of twelve persons. Mrs. Asher sang several solos.

The meetings for Sunday will be as

follows: 10:30 A. M., consecration meeting; 3:30 P. M., young people's praise meeting; 8:30 P. M., old-time revival.

BOARD ADJOURNS

Time Mostly Taken Up With Investigation of Hog Cholera.

BLACKSBURG, Va., January 22.—The board of visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute adjourned this afternoon, after a two days' session, the greater part of which was taken up with investigation of the recent outbreak of hog cholera at the college farm.

The board was unable to find any evidence of carelessness or negligence on the part of the officers or employees, and drew up resolutions which will be sent to all purchasers of stock at the college farm, advising them to be infected.

The board authorized the installation of a duplicate powder plant and making the necessary repairs to the building. The members inspected and approved the cold storage plant, horse barns and other improvements, recently completed at the college farm.

A committee was appointed to act with President Barringer in acquiring a new type of uniform for the students. The students' business meeting, at which various departments was attended to at this meeting, Mr. Kizer was present to-day, the only absentee being Messrs. Eggleston and Johnson.

FATHER IS ACQUITTED

He Was Charged With Having Murdered

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SUFFOLK, Va., January 22.—Accused of murdering his son, Charles Asker, colored, Rev. Asker, a colored man, to-day was arraigned for his life in a preliminary trial before justice J. F. Deberry and was acquitted. The homicide occurred in the prisoner's bedroom on Christmas Day, and the State had no material witnesses to introduce. The only man who tells of the tragedy was the defendant, Rev. Asker, a colored man, who pleaded self-defense, claiming that Charles first assaulted him with a hatchet, which he took away and inflicted the fatal blow. The homicide occurred in the prisoner's bedroom on Christmas Day, and the State had no material witnesses to introduce. The only man who tells of the tragedy was the defendant, Rev. Asker, a colored man, who pleaded self-defense, claiming that Charles first assaulted him with a hatchet, which he took away and inflicted the fatal blow. The homicide occurred in the prisoner's bedroom on Christmas Day, and the State had no material witnesses to introduce. The only man who tells of the tragedy was the defendant, Rev. Asker, a colored man, who pleaded self-defense, claiming that Charles first assaulted him with